

SSC Minutes- January 21, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Old Business

LAUSD Calendar: 2011-2012 school year will run from August 15, 2011 to June 1, 2012.

Council of Councils Update: new high school opening at Balboa/Devonshire in September of 2011. LAUSD wants to run it as an arts high school. Other entities propose running it differently. Vote January 28th at Monroe High School (9am to 3pm). Most Lanai families are probably not eligible to vote.

New Business

Possibility of changing SSC meeting time to 1:30, which would allow parents attending the meeting to pick up their kids at 2:40. The problem with moving the meeting to 1:30 is that teachers would not be able to attend.

Pick-up Procedures- when children check out through the office, Gail asks for ID if she doesn't recognize a parent. In situations where custodial orders dictate whether one parent is prohibited from picking up a child, the children are flagged, and the office is aware.

Yard Supervision- FOLB money has officially hired aides for all 3 yards. Aides are assigned designated areas to supervise on the yard. Supervision has improved.

Changing date of next SSC meeting- date changed from Feb 11, 2011 to Feb 18, 2011, to make meetings more evenly spaced apart. Contact Lisa Liss and Mr. Sheer to change date on website.

Room Cleanliness- There has been a changeover in custodial staff and management. Lanai is now part of a "team cleaning program". Lanai shares one plant manager (Brian) with Hesby and Encino Elementary. He comes to Lanai at approximately 3pm and stays for approximately 3 hours. While at Lanai, he checks supplies and fixes things that need fixing. Elliot is on campus from 6:30am to approximately 2:40pm. Elliot sanitizes drinking fountains every morning and cleans lunch tables, among other things. Miguel is the night custodian. "Team cleaning" has increased Lanai's custodial staffing.

Emergency Procedures- There have been lockdowns recently at LAUSD schools. Lanai is well-prepared in case of a lockdown. There is a code phrase that the school announces over the PA System to let faculty and staff know there's a lockdown. If teachers hear the code phrase, they close blinds, lock doors, and don't let kids leave the room. Buckets are used as toilets in a lockdown situation. Lanai is purchasing extra buckets; the school already has many buckets for earthquake preparedness, but they are in a shed, and therefore are inaccessible during a lockdown. For an earthquake, the school also has one week's worth of food and water, but it's also in a shed, so it's also inaccessible during lockdown. The school is exploring options for food that can be stored in the classroom without attracting pests. Teachers' priority during a lockdown is keeping the kids calm and safe.

School/class websites- parents expressed a desire for a better online presence for the classrooms and the school in general, and for a school calendar program that links with other commonly used computer calendar programs.

Bathroom policies- some parents have concerns about limits on how often kids can use the bathroom. Teachers have had problems in the past with kids using the bathroom to avoid class time. If a particular child is having an issue, parent should talk to the teacher- teachers are flexible on this issue.